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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants, through their undersigned representative, are submitting herewith copies as well as a listing therefor in equivalent form PTO-1449 of six (6) U.S. patents as well as a Japanese Laid-Open Application, uncovered by applicants, for the USPTO's consideration, in keeping with the duty of disclosure/candor requirements.

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being submitted prior to the mailing of either a final action on the merits or an official notice of allowance and, accordingly, is in compliance with the requirements pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c). An authorized Credit Card Payment Form, covering the fee amount of \$180.00, set forth in

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37 CFR §1.17(p), in accordance with the requirement pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c)(2), is enclosed herewith.

As to the requirement of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of relevance to the extent that any of the listed documents in not in the English language, this is met by the discussion of Maeda (JP 11-016906) in the Remarks of the concurrently filed Supplementing Amendment and, also, the submission of an English language abstract directed thereto.

It is submitted this IDS is in compliance with the rules of practice as well as with USPTO guidelines. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that it be entered and duly considered by the USPTO. Also, acknowledgment of entry as well as of formal consideration thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (501.39868X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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